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UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY AT TWO SOVIET Y CLASS NUCLEAR POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE OPERATING BASES. WORK BEGAN ON A POSSIBLE TUNNEL AT SAYDA BAY (69-15N 033-20E) AFTER JUNE 1970 AND ON A PROBABLE TUNNEL AT STRELOK STRAIT/PAVLOVSKOGO BAY (42-52N 132-32E) BETWEEN JUNE AND NOVEMBER 1970.

THE ACTIVITY AT SAYDA BAY INCLUDES AN UNDERGROUND ENTRANCE, TWO ACCESS ROADS, AND AT LEAST FIVE CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT BUILDINGS. THIS ACTIVITY IS LOCATED ON EITHER SIDE OF A 295-FOOT-HIGH GRANITE RIDGE ABOUT ONE HALF MILE NORTHEAST OF THE SUBMARINE PIERS. THE UNDERGROUND ENTRANCE WAS FIRST IMAGED [REDACTED] IT IS LOCATED NEAR THE BASE OF THE RIDGE ABOUT 2000 FEET FROM THE SHORELINE AT 69-16-00N 033-22-00E. IN AUGUST 1970 [REDACTED] TWO POSSIBLE CORE DRILLING TOWERS ATOP THE RIDGE AND A POSSIBLE FLOATING DERRICK AT THE EDGE OF THE BAY WERE ALIGNED WITH THE SITE OF THE UNDERGROUND ENTRANCE. THIS IS THE CLOSEST AREA TO THE SUBMARINE BASE WHERE SUCH DEEP WATER (29 FATHOMS) ABUTS SHEER CLIFFS.

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TWO PROBABLE TUNNEL ENTRANCES HAVE BEEN DUG INTO THE STEEP COASTAL CLIFFS OF THE ROCKY PENINSULA FORMING THE NORTHERN SHORE OF PAVLOVSKOGO BAY. THESE ENTRANCES ARE LOCATED AT 42-52-30N 132-31-00E AND 42-52-10N 132-31-20E. A SURVEY TRACE SPANS THE APPROXIMATE 2000-FOOT DISTANCE BETWEEN THESE PROBABLE TUNNEL ENTRANCES. TWO ADDITIONAL (POSSIBLE) TUNNEL ENTRANCES ARE LOCATED ON THIS COAST BETWEEN THE TWO PROBABLE TUNNEL ENTRANCES. THERE ARE AT LEAST FIVE NEW SUPPORT BUILDINGS IN THE AREA.

THE INTENDED USE OF THE NEW (POSSIBLE) TUNNELLING ACTIVITY AT SAYDA BAY AND PAVLOVSKOGO BAY IS UNCLEAR AT THIS TIME. THESE SITES MAY EVENTUALLY BE FOR WEAPONS OR FOR THE UNDERGROUND BERTHING OF SUBMARINES. NEITHER SITE HAS AS YET APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DUG BELOW WATER LEVEL.

SIMILAR CONSTRUCTION HAS ALSO BEEN NOTED SINCE AUGUST 1970 AT ARA BAY NAVAL BASE NEAR SAYDA BAY. AT LEAST ONE UNDERGROUND ENTRANCE IS LOCATED NORTH OF THE PIER AREA AT 69-23-15N 032-48-20E. THIS HAS BEEN USED BY G AND H CLASS BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES BUT Y CLASS SUBMAIRINES.

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